

Wilton Conservation Commission

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MONDAY APRIL 13, 2015– 7:00 PM DRAFT MINUTES

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 13th 2015, at the Town Hall.

Bart Hunter, Chairman called the meeting to Order at 7:00 PM.

- **Joanna K. Eckstrom was introduced; she will serve as Clerk during Donna's absence**
- **Roll Call - Present Bart Hunter, Spencer Brookes, Alan Preston, Jeffrey Stone and Les Tallarico.**
- **Visitors:** None

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** Review minutes of February 9 and February 16th – minutes represent a cancelled meeting on Feb 9th (snow) and no quorum on 2/16. Moved by Spencer, seconded by Bart, minutes approved unanimously.
Ms Eckstrom noted that the January 12 minutes hadn't been reviewed. A printed page 1 was available. Jeff read page 2 aloud; motion by Spencer, second by Alan, minutes on Jan. 12 approved as written unanimously.
- **Budget & Expenditures:** Review and update
 - Town Meeting Review – Bart noted his dismay about Conservation Commission's warrant article being tabled. The townspeople had no chance to discuss options.
 - Warrant Article update – motion by Les, second by Alan, commission unanimously agreed to adopt an action plan for 2015 to address revisions / updates to warrant article that was tabled at Town Meeting.
 - 2015 Budget review – there is no line item for Advertising – should have \$150. Bart to review with Town Office about where the item went.
 - Issues at Gabel property and access to Frog Pond. Gabel has ROW but it is not exclusive. Options to move gate, change parking were discussed – implementing will cost money and there's little to no money for this. At the very least, commission will walk the site before the May meeting.
 - Funding for Conservation Plan. At Town Meeting, a \$5800 expense to fund a conservation plan was approved. Bart sought a 'scope of work' outline from NRPC (who has done such work for WCC in past). On a motion by Spencer, seconded by Alan, the commissioners unanimously approved the Conservation Plan submitted via NRPC Option #3 and to expend up to \$5800 approved at Town Meeting on the project.
 - Dog Poo letter Jeff's letter to Selectmen and other Town officials was reviewed. Ms Eckstrom noted that the Sewer Department would have concerns about using so-called flushable bags – these are not biodegradable and end up clogging sewer lines. Jeff will work on letter some more for next month.
- **ZBA:** Meeting on Apr. 14th – the Lang wetland crossing (722 Abbot Hill Rd) is on agenda. Bart will attend.
- **Planning Board:** Lot F-2

- Planning Board met to divide Girl Scout Camp property into 6 lots. To meet again 4/15. WCC expressed interest in potential easement for the 6th lot (accessed by class VI highway) and hopes to discuss options with Ian McSweeney and/or NE Forestry. Bart to attend Planning meeting.
- **Forest Management:**
 - Timber Intents? None at present. Alan noted that it's time to connect with skimobile groups re: status and upkeep of the trails. This is done as a courtesy each year. Corridor B is a very important area to conserve.
- **Shattuck:** Update – nothing new
- **Wildlife Sightings:** Les – deer and turkey; Joanna – deer (off Laurel Hill St), Alan possum

New Business:

- **Proposed Action Plan for the WCC for 2015** discussion there are maps of viewsheds – Spencer will chat with Elizabeth Drolet about a possible new easement on Pead Hill.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): Update conversations ongoing about removing the green bridge.

Next meeting: Monday, May 11, 2015 7:00PM Town Hall

There being no other business, Les moved, Spencer seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

- Joanna K. Eckstrom, Clerk